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WEEKLY TONIC.

(KENT)

What are the aims which are at the same time duties? They are the perfecting of ourselves and the happiness of others.

UNCLE WALT.

Take your bundle from the chest and with wisdom it invest; you will find that scheme the best ever found; no one pities or condescends with the chaps who lose INVEST WISELY, their rolls buying mines which are but holes in the ground. Better far is five per cent—it will bring you more content than some hot air from a gent selling stocks; and the man who's truly wise bricks from strangers never buys; and he (when not swatting flies) guards his rocks. Too much hurry to get rich often lands men in those itch, where they raise, in doleful pitch, their lament, muttering, "That deal was raw! 'Twas the worst we ever saw! It were better far to draw five per cent!" When your roll's dropped out of sight and you are a saddened wight, people say, "It served you right—you're a chump!" Scornful words and ribald jeers keep on sounding in your ears till your eyes are shedding tears like a pump. If at home you use your cash (while the dupes buy green goods trash) you're not apt to go to smash, out and down; and your neighbors will arise, saying, as they swat the flies: "He's a treasure and a prize to this town!"

Walt Mason.

An educated people are a progressive people. Ignorance enslaves.

Cut down the cost of living is one of the purposes of this administration.

What did the Tobacco Trust lobby spend in its "insidious" lobby? Suppose you find out, Mr. Chairman Overman. The people want to know.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The closest possible scrutiny is necessary to keep "jokers" out of the tariff bill.

The Rocky Mount Telegram makes a feeling and comprehensive discussion of the money question when it says: "Money is not getting tight, but it is getting mighty darned close."

The Rose Hill Enterprise says: "The freight rate problem is yet a knotty one and the railroads are sending out their side in pamphlet form." The people are with Gov. Craig and the railroad lobby will not be able to divert their attention from the injustice of the freight rate discrimination against our people.

The people of Raleigh have been badly afflicted by the heritage of a broken down water plant from the Wake Water Company, and the red mud-soaked water of the last few days has been a sad straining of their patience. But it is understood that the Commissioners are having the work rushed on the new settling tank at the plant. The promise is that in a few days the water will be clear again. And then it should be kept clear.

INVESTIGATING JUDGES.

Judge Speers, the Georgia Federal Judge who spoke out in Iowa the other day, is very wrath over the fact that representatives of the Department of Justice are investigating his record.

Some people actually have so little respect for the judiciary that they actually make inquiry as to the conduct of judges. If a judge's record is all right, what difference does it make to him if he is investigated. If his record will not bear investigation, the quicker it is investigated the better. An honest, impartial judge courts investigation—the other kind need not only investigation, but impeachment.

There are some men who are honest, but overly sensitive—but they must remember that the people have a right to know what sort of man is presiding over the courts in which the rights of the citizens are adjudicated.

Jurors are carefully studied before they are accepted to try a case and lawyers endeavor to ascertain all they can about a prospective juror before he is accepted to try a case—inquiry is made as to his connection, his ties, whether financial, political or relationship. The judge who tries the case often has far more to do with the judgment secured than all the jurors—why should not the judge be investigated. If, before he went on the bench he showed a distinct leaning for or against certain interests, is there anything wrong in endeavoring to secure the trial of a case involving those special interest before a judge who has no such bias. Does a commission as judge change the training of a life time? Does the judicial robe make "whiter than snow" the wearer. Does a change of heart accompany the judicial ermine?

Some years ago, the people of Wisconsin retired Senator Quarles from the United States Senate because he was so close to the railroad interests of that State that the people were not faithfully represented in the United States Senate by him.

Immediately after he was repudiated by the people, President Roosevelt appointed him to the Federal bench. Were the people who had repudiated Senator Quarles because of his subservience to special interest, guilty of because they have investigated Judge Landis, and they have twenty-nine million reasons not to like him.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

By establishing a Bureau of Extension the purpose of which is to serve more directly the public the University of North Carolina has this year shown the vitality of its interest in the larger welfare of the State and its readiness to take the initiative in forward movements.

Although the University has had no special fund for this purpose, as in other States, the Bureau has pressed its work with the result that during the year now ending the work in debate in the secondary schools of the State has been lifted to a plane hitherto undreamed of through the High School Debating Union; school athletics have been vitalized the State over by the holding of an interscholastic track meet; and a series of Extension Bulletins have been begun, two numbers of which have been devoted to the professional training of teachers on secondary schools and to the needs of the thousands of pupils in both primary and secondary schools who participate in declamatory, oratorical, and literary contests.

Two additional activities of the Bureau have been the holding of a special conference for high school teachers in connection with the dedicatory exercises of the new name of the Department of Education, and the prospective rural life week to be held July 14-19 in connection with the Summer School, at which more than 500 teachers will be enabled to hear leading agricultural and educational specialists discuss the various problems of North Carolina rural life.

For the coming year a further line of work to be begun will be that of sending out, upon request, special lectures from the University faculty who will speak on subjects incident to the daily life of the people.

The beginning made during the present year is in every way admirable. The opportunity for this special kind of work is very great. North Carolina needs the leadership of her

colleges in the solution of her daily problems and the beginning this makes promises much for the enrichment of her life and future prosperity.

THE SPIRIT OF GETTYSBURG.

No North, no South, no East, no West, but a united country, is the spirit of the gathering which this week takes place at Gettysburg, at the reunion of the Blue and the Gray on that bloodiest of battlefields of the Civil War.

Fifty years have passed since the armies of the South and the armies of the North faced each other in deadly strife. In that half century, there has come a peace and an agreement, which makes it possible for men once facing each other in battle array, to meet and grasp in friendship the hands of one time enemies, with the feeling of brave men who have met brave men.

It is with no sacrifice of principle that the veterans of the South and the veterans of the North commingle on Gettysburg's field this week. "We are brethren," and though we have differed, it has all been settled by the arbitrament of war, and the past is put aside in this day when we are all united and one people in devotion to our flag, the flag of this great Republic, whose history has brought liberty and freedom to other nations, and has given to men the right to think and to act for himself.

This is a nation of miraculous things, and upon warring factions of fifty years ago there has fallen the Miracle of Peace. And that at Gettysburg it is to be celebrated, shows that it is a lasting peace, that North and South, East and West, are all as one, and that all stand as faithful guardians of The Flag, the emblem of a united country. It is as Lee and Grant would have had it, that at the roll call, Blue and Gray would answer as those shoulder to shoulder in one cause, the hostility of the years past forgotten, the scars only reminders that brave men have of brave men, the sections no longer enemies, but friends. That is the spirit of the reunion at Gettysburg, and to that reunion, the people of this country look as the harbinger of a still greater and greater country, invincible in war, all powerful in peace, mighty in that its people stand as one in its support, comrades in the Great Republic of the World.

THE RALEIGH Y. M. C. A.

The opening of the Raleigh Y. M. C. A., the dedicatory exercises of which take place this afternoon, removes this city from the isolated position it has held as the only capital in the United States without a Young Men's Christian Association. That Raleigh is now numbered with the other capitals in this great work is an event of importance not alone to this city, but to all the State.

For many years the need of a Y. M. C. A. in Raleigh has been recognized, and there was a group of earnest citizens who had ever in mind the purpose to one day make a determined fight to secure for Raleigh an institution which would prove of value to the young manhood of this city.

Time brought the opportunity for the realization of the hopes of years and in a whirlwind campaign of the city sufficient funds were pledged to secure the erection of the needed building, for it was recognized that without a home which it could hold as its own there could be no permanent Y. M. C. A. organized in this city. The forces working for the building went into the campaign to win and it was with delight that it was found that the people of this city were interested over \$75,000 worth in having a handsome Y. M. C. A. building in the city.

This afternoon beginning at five o'clock there will take place the dedicatory exercises of the building in which all Raleigh has a right to be proud, and tomorrow the building will be in commission in its purpose to serve as a moral aid to the life of this city, to be an uplift in many ways. The event is one which should make all Raleigh glad, and the attendance at the exercises will be expressive of the feeling of pleasure which the people take in seeing the beginning of a needed work in which Raleigh has too long been a laggard.

There is but one fly in the ointment, and that is that because of sub-

scription pledges not met there is a debt on the building. That this should be cancelled at an early date is the hope of all interested in the movement, and, unless there is absolute impossibility to meet obligations all who have made pledges should meet them. And besides this there is in this city whom God has blessed abundantly should give aid as they can, for it is a cause which means for the betterment of all Raleigh.

The "smoothe guy" who attempted to "put it over" the Steel Trust and the other "malefactors of wealth" by impersonating Congressman Palmer and offering to sell influence failed to close the deal. This "lobbyist" was not "insidious" enough to "pull it off."

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Hettie Merritt, who underwent a serious operation at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, on Friday is improving, and that her condition is now considered favorable.

The intense heat of summer means that among the poor there is need of ice. The people of Raleigh are called upon to help those in Raleigh who are in need and there should be a prompt response to the call for an ice fund. The Associated Charities will handle the fund so as to help all who are in need.

The people of North Carolina have been enduring freight rate discrimination at the cost of from five to ten million dollars a year. The railroads have milked the people and will continue to do so if the people submit. But happily for North Carolina they are aroused and propose to have justice. They want peace, but no ignominious peace, and will take war if there is no other way.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: "It is hardly probable that Clerk A. J. Maxwell would have advocated a recourse for the shippers of the State Corporation Commission. And the chairman of that board was present at the meeting at which Mr. Maxwell advanced the idea for a steamship line and apparently gave the suggestion his approval. These gentlemen are not accustomed to act ill-advisedly."

The Winston-Salem Sentinel publishes figures showing freight discrimination against Henderson and says:

"Statistics collected in various parts of the State tend to show that this matter of freight rate discrimination is even more serious than many people had regarded it."

Whether or not it was "exclusive information" which was had by Mr. Dan Allen and the Raleigh Real Estate and Trust Company, the options which they held around the proposed market house are good things. But would it not have been the right thing for the Commissioners of Raleigh to have let all the people in on that good thing. The principle of Democracy is "Special privileges to none equal rights to all."

PLENTY OF APPRECIATIONS.

Asheville, June 28.—Over fifty applications for the position of superintendent of city schools have been received by the local school board since the resignation of Professor R. J. Tighe was announced a few weeks ago. The applicants reside in various sections of the country and five of them have made visits to this city to present their claims in person.

MUCH PROGRESS IN ROWAN.

Salisbury, June 28.—Much progress is being made in educational work in Rowan county under the direction of County Superintendent R. G. Kizer. In accordance with a new State law all applications from teachers for positions in public schools must be filed with and approved by the county superintendent, a fact which has not been generally known. The county board of education will then appoint a day for the superintendent to hold a conference with the various school boards in the various townships when teachers will be elected. Supt. Kizer is now giving much time to the development of the new plan, which he states, is working well.

HUSBAND AND WIFE STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Kinston, June 28.—Elbert E. Gordon, a well known resident of Kinston, was stricken with paralysis following the marriage of his last single child several days ago, and last night was awakened to find his wife prostrate on the floor with a stroke. The couple, well past middle age, were alone in their home in the eastern end of the city. The husband, almost totally helpless, could not help her and was unable to call for assistance. Mr. Gordon staggered to a window and with his remaining serviceable hand rang a tiny bell until neighbors came to aid.